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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ~~DEPUTY TO THE~~ DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
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SUBJECT: National Space Policy Implementation

The Air Force has taken the following actions to implement the new National Space Policy:

- The Air Force has established a focal point within the Office of the Secretary of the Air Force for Space Policy. In addition to policy functions, this office is responsible for Air Force support to the President's Commercial Space Initiatives and for strengthened relations with NASA.
- The Air Force has supported US Trade Representative-led discussions with the European Space Agency focused on equalizing government support to Commercial Space Launch activities.
- The Air Force has distributed the new policy to all Major Commands and Separate Operating Agencies with direction to bring their space activities into compliance.
- The Air Force has begun a review of regulations and directives to insure compliance with National Space Policy.
- The Air Force, in coordination with the Office of the Secretary of Defense and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), has participated in the re-establishment of the Aeronautics and Astronautics Coordination Board. This coordinating body will strengthen coordination of civil and military space activities.
- The Air Force has provided program direction which ensures that future satellite development activities consider, as a principal element of system design, the requirement to minimize the creation of space debris.

- The Air Force has funded and is acquiring new unmanned launch vehicles and facilities to assure access to space. These procurements, including Titan IV, Delta II and Atlas-Centaur II, also provide the foundation for a US Commercial Space Launch Industry.
- Senior Air Force personnel have made numerous speeches and issued press releases aimed at informing Congress and the general public on both the content of the new National Space Policy and Air Force actions to implement the policy.

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